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### **9 FAM 42.33 PROCEDURAL NOTES; 9 FAM 42.33 EXHIBIT I; AND REMOVAL OF 9 FAM 42.33 EXHIBITS II THROUGH VII AND 9 FAM 42.51 EXHIBITS I AND II**

#### **MAJOR CHANGES**

1. **9 FAM 42.33 PN2.1, paragraph b:** The last sentence is amended.

2. **9 FAM 42.33 Exhibit I** is amended to reflect those countries eligible to participate in the Diversity Visa (DV) 2000 and (DV) 2001 Programs. Posts should note that Macau, although eligible to participate, must receive visas by December 20, 1999 (the date on which Macau reverts to China), unless legislation is enacted to allow Macau's continued eligibility for the DV Program.

3. **9 FAM 42.33 Exhibits II through VII (forms)** are removed. These forms are currently being updated. Posts should continue to use current forms on hand until advised to do otherwise.

4. **9 FAM 42.51 Exhibits I and II** are removed. (There are no replacements.)

5. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. The italics will be removed the next time the section is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide the historical record of changes.

6. Officers are reminded that Department-issued materials not codified in the *Foreign Affairs Manual* or its supplemental *Foreign Affairs Handbook* series generally have no regulatory validity [see 2 FAM 1115.2].

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